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SUBJECT: 1984 ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES
IN PAKISTAN

1. (C) BEGIN SUMMARY. AT REFCOUNS REQUEST, UNHCR
CHIEF OF MISSION GERALD WALZER IS PROVIDING US WITH
THREE-PART BRIEFING ON 1984 UNHCR PROGRAMS. FIRST
SEGMENT DEALING WITH SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING AND
RELIEF GOODS WAS PRESENTED FEBRUARY 8. HIGHLIGHTS
INCLUDE (1) PLANS TO CUT BY ONE THIRD UNHCR 1984
EXPENDITURES FOR TFA. RATHER THAN REDUCING THE
DISTRIBUTION FIGURE BELOW 2.3 MILLION THE GOP
PREFERRED TO CUT THE SIZE OF THE TFA RATION

(3) AGREEMENT WITH GOP ON
SUBSTANTIAL CUT IN QUANTITY OF RELIEF GOODS TO BE
PROVIDED REFUGEES IN 1984. OVERALL, UNHCR CHIEF OF
MISSION BELIEVES THAT THE DOLS 62 MILLION WHICH
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UNHCR EXPECTS TO SPEND IN PAKISTAN IN 1984 IS
REASONABLE. WALZER ALSO COMMENTED ON REENUMERATION OF
REFUGEES WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN BALUCHISTAN.

2. (C) RECENTLY, WHEN WE ASKED FOR A COPY OF THE
1984 PROGRAM AGREEMENT UNHCR HAD JUST NEGOTIATED
WITH THE GOP, AND IN WHICH THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE
BUDGET FOR CY-84 IS OUTLINED IN DETAIL, WE WERE

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WE ASKED FOR COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFINGS ON UNHCR'S PLANNED 1984 UNDERTAKINGS. ON FEBRUARY 8, UNHCR CHARGE WALZER PROVIDED THE FIRST OF THESE.

3. (C) REENUMERATION. BEFORE DELVING INTO SUBJECT MATTER, UNHCR CHARGE MADE A FEW INTERESTING COMMENTS ABOUT POTENTIAL FOR KUSHALGARH CAMP (SEPTIL) AND ABOUT ON-GOING REENUMERATION EXERCISES IN BALUCHISTAN. FROM WHENCE HE HAD JUST RETURNED.

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BIRTH RATE OF 3 PER YEAR OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS COULD HAVE BOOSTED THE PAKISTAN-WIDE REFUGEE POPULATION BY AT LEAST 150,000. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID, QUESTION AS TO HOW GOP MIGHT BRING ITSELF TO PUBLISH SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED POPULATION FIGURES (AFTER MAINTAINING 700,000 REFUGEE FIGURE FOR BALUCHISTAN ALONE) IS AN INTERESTING ONE. WE AGREED.

4. (LOU) SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD. UNHCR PLANS TO CUT BY ONE-THIRD ITS 1984 EXPENDITURE FOR TEA. THE GOP'S INABILITY TO DISTRIBUTE THE COMMODITY EFFICIENTLY OVER PAST FOUR YEARS HAS CONVINCED GENEVA THAT ITEM CANNOT BE THAT MUCH IN DEMAND. GOP RESISTED PRINCIPLE OF CUTTING DISTRIBUTION FIGURE FROM 2.3 MILLION TO 1.53 MILLION RATIONS. INSTEAD, IT ACQUIESCED TO CUT OF ONE GRAM PER RATION - FROM THREE GRAMS TO TWO. WALZER WONDERED WHETHER SAME APPROACH COULD BE APPLIED TO WHEAT, I.E., NEGOTIATING ON BASIS OF OVERALL TONNAGES RATHER THAN RATION RECIPIENTS.

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8. (LOU) WALZER COMMENTED THAT USDOLS 62 MILLION UNHCR EXPECTS TO SPEND IN PAKISTAN IN 1984 IS A REASONABLE FIGURE. HE SAID THAT BUDGET SURPLUSES HAD BEEN RECOUPED FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS. HE NOTED THAT GOP UNDERSPENT UNHCR APPROPRIATIONS BY USDOLS 3.85 MILLION IN 1982 AND, IN 1983 UNHCR/PAKISTAN'S BUDGET APPROPRIATION WAS REVISED DOWNWARD FROM 74 MILLION DOLLARS TO 65 MILLION. HE ADDED THAT THESE FIGURES DO NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE DONATIONS-IN-KIND AND WORLD BANK PROJECT FUNDS. WE COMPLEMENTED UNHCR ON ITS EFFORTS TO ECONOMIZE AND SINCERELY THANKED CHIEF OF MISSION FOR TIME AND CARE TAKEN IN BRIEFING US. WE WILL REPORT DETAILS OF FUTURE BRIEFINGS AS THEY OCCUR. RATTRAY

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